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DES ANNOUNCES ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT HEARING

(Phoenix, August 11, 2000) – A public hearing on the proposed Department of Economic Security state plans for the administration of Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Community Services Block Grants program has been scheduled for August 25, 2000. The hearing will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the DES Organization and Management Development Office, 1140 East Washington, Room 110, Phoenix.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is designed to assist eligible households with their heating and cooling based on income, energy burden, household size, and geographical region and serves as an emergency program to handle crisis situations.

The Community Services Block Grant program funds Community Action Agencies to provide services to low-income individuals in the areas of employment, housing, food, nutrition, education and emergency assistance, and to coordinate other programs serving low-income individuals. Copies of the state plans may be requested by calling (602) 542-6600 in Phoenix, or toll free 1-800-582-5706. Copies will also be available at the hearing.

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